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Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)	50	25
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Multiple dependent claims	360	180

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Title

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Sir:

This amendment is responsive to the Final Office Action dated March 30, 2006 for which a three-month period for response was given making this response due on or before June 30, 2006. In view of the amendments to the claims and the remarks put forth below, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested. Applicants submit that the amendments set forth below raise no new issues. Rather, the amendments place the claims in form for allowance or in better form for appeal. Entry of these amendments is thus respectfully requested.

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